

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, and 11 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly from claims 1, 9, and 11.

Claim Amendments

The claims of the present application have been amended for purposes of clarification of the scope of the claimed invention, to correct typographical errors, and to generally place the claims in acceptable format. No new matter is added by way of these amendments. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, at least in Figure 6 and paragraphs [0011]-[0013] of the publication of the referenced application, US Publication No. 2006/0141988.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Publication No. 2005/0286689 (“Vouri”) in view of US Patent No. 6,057,872 (“Candelore”). To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite two distinct networks: the digital multimedia network (*i.e.*, a broadcast network) and the point-to-point communication network (*e.g.*, a mobile phone network), both of which are connected to the receiver/decoder. *See* publication of present application, paragraph [0011]-[0013]. Further, a message containing access rights for the reception of data into the multimedia network is received *via the point-to-point network*. Thus, in the claimed invention, access rights pertaining to a first network (the multimedia network) are sent via a second network (the point-to-point network). The access rights are then received via the second network and used for controlling access on the first network. *See Id.*

In contrast, Vouri teaches a short voicemail message (SVM) system in which the receiver is connected with only one network, namely the point-to-point network (the mobile phone network). *See* Vouri, Abstract. Vouri has nothing to do with a digital multimedia network that includes and is connected to the receiver/decoder. Thus, Vouri cannot possibly teach or suggest a digital multimedia network that is also connected to the receiver, in addition to the mobile phone network taught by Vouri. Furthermore, it logically follows that Vouri fails to teach or suggest receiving access rights from the point-to-point network for a digital multimedia network. While messages may be received from the mobile phone network in Vouri, the messages are voicemail message, and not messages comprising access rights that control the reception of data in another network altogether.

Further, Candelore fails to supply that which Vouri lacks, as evidenced by the fact that Candelore is only relied upon as teaching a storage space in the mobile phone modem to store access rights. *See* Action mailed May 15, 2008, page 5.

In view of the above, it is clear that neither Vouri nor Candalore teach or suggest a receiver connected to two independent and distinct networks, *i.e.*, a first network and a second network, where access rights are received via the second network for controlling the reception of data in a first network. Thus, the amended independent claims are patentable over Vouri and Candalore, whether considered separately or in combination. Pending dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-15

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vouri in view of Candalore. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 13-15 are indirectly dependent on independent claim 1, and thus, are patentable over Vouri and Candalore for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to amended independent claim 1.

With respect to independent claim 11, claim 11 has been amended to include similar subject matter as independent claims 1 and 9, and is therefore patentable over the combination of Vouri and Candalore for at least the same reasons described above with respect to claims 1 and 9. In view of the above, Vouri and Candalore, fail to render amended independent claim 11 as obvious. Claim 12 is patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17250/008001).

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